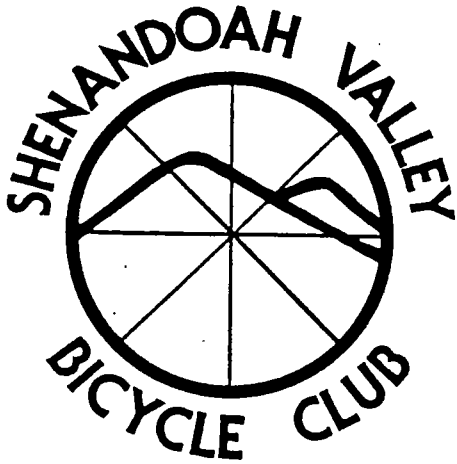




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DECEMBER MEETING

Monday, December 10, 7:30 p.m.
Valley Wellness Center
Bring your winter riding gear
and we'll share info.

*Season's Greetings
and Best Wishes for the New Year*

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Once again we'll be helping the local chapter of the American Lung Association put on their effort for the annual Harrisonburg Christmas Parade. Bring bike, christmas decorations, SVBC jersey or T-shirt (with weather suitable clothes underneath). Party for participants following at Marcia's. (BYOB and goody). Call Rita 434-5864 for details where to meet.

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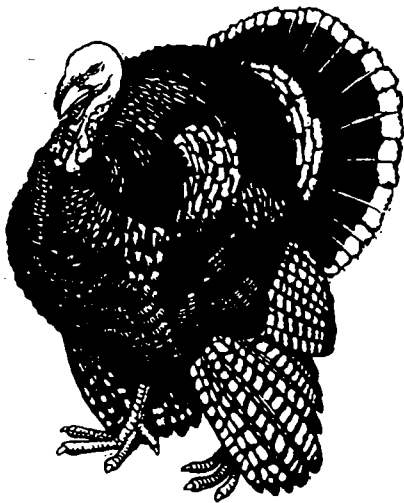


JANUARY MEETING

Plan for the SVBC annual meeting and dinner on January 14, 1991. Bring a favorite dish to share (main, desert, salad, bread, etc) to the Valley Wellness Center at 6 PM. The club will provide refreshments, paper plates, plastic ware, and napkins. Bring a guest. If anyone has any slides, videos, etc. of 1990 SVBC events, bring along to share (call Jack Foster so arrangements can be made). Do not miss this culinary event of the new year.

NEWSLETTER

If this edition looks like a poor excuse for one, that is, a bit patchy, there is a reason. We are in need in need of a newsletter compiler. Jody Hess does our typing, but we have lost the able services of Ted Harris to put the whole thing together. If anyone feels they could donate a few hours a month to help the SVBC compile and print the newsletter, call Jack Foster. Your services will be most appreciated.



THANKS FOR
BICYCLES

Virginia Laws Relating to Bicycling

Note: The following rules are paraphrased summaries of the sections of the Virginia Code related to bicycling (Title 46.2).

A bicycle is a vehicle when operated on a public road.

Bicycles are subject to all provisions of Chapter 8 of Title 46.2 which deals with regulation of traffic.

Vehicles (including bicycles) are restricted to the right half of the road unless overtaking and passing another vehicle.

It is prohibited to cross a solid line in the travel lane unless making a left turn.

It is prohibited to stop a vehicle in such a way that the flow of traffic is impeded.

All vehicles must stop at stop signs.

Vehicles must give at least one half of the roadway to all vehicles traveling in the opposite direction.

A vehicle that is passing another vehicle must allow at least two feet of clearance between itself and the vehicle being passed; cannot return to the right lane until safely clear of the vehicle being passed.

Vehicles passing bicycles and mopeds must pass at a safe distance and at a reasonable speed.

A vehicle may not pass another vehicle unless the left side of the road ahead is clearly visible and free of oncoming traffic for a safe distance.

Signals are required for turning and stopping.

Bicyclists must signal for all turns and stops. However, they are not required to signal continuously if both hands are needed to maintain control.

Any driving that endangers life, limb or property constitutes reckless driving (Class 1 misdemeanor) regardless of the posted speed limit.

It is unlawful to pass another vehicle on or below the crest of a hill, on a curve or when the oncoming lane cannot be seen.

It is prohibited to pass two vehicles traveling abreast in the same direction (except on roads with three or more lanes) unless one of the two is on a bicycle.

Two bicycles may not travel abreast in a single lane. However, a motor vehicle and a bicycle may travel abreast in a single lane.

It is the duty of every vehicle driver involved in an accident to stop if the accident results in injury, death or damage to attended property.

Bicycling on sidewalks is allowed unless prohibited by a local government.

Bicyclists riding on sidewalks where it is permitted must give audible signals to any pedestrian they overtake.

A bicyclist must ride as far to the right as is safely possible.

Bicyclists may pass other vehicles on the right or left, using the shoulder or the same lane as the vehicle being passed, provided the passing can be done safely. Passing between two lanes of traffic traveling in the same direction is prohibited.

Historic GEAR '91, Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia

June 7-10, 1991



Ride into eighteenth century America at Historic GEAR '91, an opportunity to pair the charm of colonial Williamsburg with outstanding cycling through Old Virginia's tidewater region. At GEAR '91, you'll stay on the College of William and Mary's serene and tree-lined campus adjacent to Colonial Williamsburg, which has been restored to Revolutionary times.

Nowhere else in America are so many historic sites awaiting to excite the cycling visitor as in the Historic Triangle of Virginia. Within a radius of 25 miles from Colonial Williamsburg are the remains of the nation's first permanent English settlement at Jamestown and the 1781 Revolutionary victory site at Yorktown. Cycle to both Jamestown and Yorktown along the Colonial Parkway, which gently meanders through stretches of unde-

veloped natural beauty. There will also be plenty of quiet, back roads cycling past peanut farms and plantation houses along the James River.

And while you're at Williamsburg, you're also next door to one of the nation's premier theme parks, Busch Gardens. Its theme, "The Old Country," is carried out in sections that recreate the romantic architectural highlights of England, France, Germany, and Italy.

GEAR '91 has been organized by the largest bicycle touring club in the nation, Potomac Pedalers Touring Club, Inc., (PPTC) of Washington, D.C. PPTC has planned an unsurpassed cycling vacation that will combine the best of American history with riding in rural splendor. Bring the whole family and enjoy your stay.

1991 National Rally

The 1991 L.A.W. National Rally will be held in Olympia, Washington, over the Fourth of July weekend, July 3-7. Olympia is noted for outstanding road cycling and spectacular mountain biking. As an added bonus, the National Rally will be held concurrently with Probike Northwest, an educational symposium on bicycle planning, program development, and safety. The rally weekend will conclude with the Hamms Capital Lakefair Criterium bicycle race on the race grounds of the state capitol.

A whole range of pre- and post-rally tours is planned to help the visitor from afar to enjoy the magnificent scenery and cycling of the Pacific Northwest. You can cycle the San Juan Islands, go mountain biking in the nearby national forest, or enjoy a tour around Mount Rainier or Mount St. Helens as a part of your cycling vacation. Contact L.A.W. 1991 National Rally, Capital Bicycle Club, P.O. Box 642, Olympia, WA 98501; (206) 956-3321, for more information about this great event.

Clip 'N' Mail for Information

Yes! I would like to be on the mailing list for more _____ on Historic GEAR '91 at Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Any questions? _____

What workshop topic(s) would you like to see addressed? _____

MAIL TO: GEAR '91
P.O. Box 591
Manassas, VA 22110-0591



Some items on this page courtesy of the League of American Wheelmen; not Santa of course!

NEW MEMBERS:

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to the following new SVBC members all from Harrisonburg:

Tom Flock
Kari Zehner
David and Damarius Marion

We hope to see all of you soon at some upcoming events!!!!



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For more information on bicycling, contact:
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**Cyclists, Families and Friends:
Have a Great Time riding in the
Harrisonburg
Christmas Parade
on behalf of the
American Lung
Association
Friday December 7
6:30 PM—8:00 PM**



Kicking off Clean Air Week, the American Lung Association will be sponsoring the first annual Clean Air Challenge in Harrisonburg on Sunday May 5 1991. The thrust of the challenge is to promote clean air. There will be bike rides tentatively of 10, 25, and 60 miles & perhaps some mountain bike events. Mark your calendar for this festival now. If you can help out with this event either ahead of time or day of the ride (lots or just a little) call Rita or Rose (434-5864)

Win Ski Passes—Best Decorated Bike will win a gift certificate from Homestead Ski Area for lift tickets for two, lesson and rental equipment. Decorate your bike before the parade, streamers and other supplies will be available on a first come basis, or be creative with your own decorations.

Bring friends and family (marchers also needed to carry banner and signs.)

Meet behind the Municipal Building, Look for the American Lung Association (Ask Parade Marshalls) or call 434-LUNG for take-off position.

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